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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

- (Previously Presented) A fitting constructed and arranged to retain a plurality of accessory members to a vertical structural unit which unit has a plurality of vertical sides wherein each side has a portion defining a side aperture; said fitting comprising
 - (i) a body:
 - (ii) a body plate member attached to said body and constructed and arranged to be cooperable with a said side of said structural unit and receivable in intimate engagement within said side aperture, the body plate member being of a size smaller than the body so that only the body plate member can be received in said side aperture;
 - (iii) attachment means constructed and arranged to attached said fitting to said structural unit with said body plate member received within side aperture; and

said body having a portion defining at least one accessory-receiving means constructed and arranged to retain said accessory member to said body,

the fitting being in combination with said structural unit, wherein said body plate member is received within said side aperture of said structural unit, and wherein said side aperture has an essentially circular shape, and has a plurality of inwardly protruding side portions, and wherein each of said side portions defines a bolt-receiving aperture.

3. (Previously Presented) A combination as defined in claim 2 wherein said side aperture has a shape defined as an extended oval having a vertical axis length greater than its horizontal axis, and having four inwardly protruding symmetricallyopposed portions.

- 4. (Previously Presented) A combination as defined in claim 2 wherein said plate member is integrally formed with said body.
- 5. (Previously Presented) A fitting constructed and arranged to retain a plurality of accessory members to a vertical structural unit which unit has a plurality of vertical sides wherein each side has a portion defining a side aperture; said fitting comprising
 - (iv) a body:
 - (v) a body plate member attached to said body and constructed and arranged to be cooperable with a said side of said structural unit and receivable in intimate engagement within said side aperture, the body plate member being of a size smaller than the body so that only the body plate member can be received in said side aperture:
 - (vi) attachment means constructed and arranged to attached said fitting to said structural unit with said body plate member received within side aperture; and

said body having a portion defining at least one accessory-receiving means constructed and arranged to retain said accessory member to said body,

wherein said attachment means comprises a plurality of bolt-receiving apertures defined by portions of said body or said plate member, operably alignable with said bolt-receiving apertures of said side portion.

- (Previously Presented) A fitting as defined in claim 5 wherein said body has at least one protruding member having a portion defining an accessory bolt-receiving aperture.
- 7. (Previously Presented) A fitting constructed and arranged to retain a plurality of accessory members to a vertical structural unit which unit has a plurality of vertical sides wherein each side has a portion defining a side aperture; said fitting comprising
 - (vii) a body:

- (viii) a body plate member attached to said body and constructed and arranged to be cooperable with a said side of said structural unit and receivable in intimate engagement within said side aperture, the body plate member being of a size smaller than the body so that only the body plate member can be received in said side aperture;
- (ix) attachment means constructed and arranged to attached said fitting to said structural unit with said body plate member received within side aperture; and

said body having a portion defining at least one accessory-receiving means constructed and arranged to retain said accessory member to said body.

wherein said body has a plurality of said protruding members each having a portion defining an accessory bolt-receiving aperture.

- 8. (Previously Presented) A fitting constructed and arranged to retain a plurality of accessory members to a vertical structural unit which unit has a plurality of vertical sides wherein each side has a portion defining a side aperture; said fitting comprising
 - (x) a body;
 - (xi) a body plate member attached to said body and constructed and arranged to be cooperable with a said side of said structural unit and receivable in intimate engagement within said side aperture, the body plate member being of a size smaller than the body so that only the body plate member can be received in said side aperture;
 - (xii) attachment means constructed and arranged to attached said fitting to said structural unit with said body plate member received within side aperture; and

said body having a portion defining at least one accessory-receiving means constructed and arranged to retain said accessory member to said body,

wherein said body comprises

(a) a first protruding plate having a portion defining a first plate aperture;

- (b) when said fitting is operably retained to said structure, a first horizontally protruding plate and a second horizontally protruding plate parallel to and at a distance from said first horizontal protruding plate to define an interplate open channel; and wherein (i) said first horizontal protruding plate has a plurality of portions defining a plurality of apertures, and (ii) said second horizontal protruding plate has a portion defining at least one aperture, a proximal first side wing having a portion defining a first wing aperture and a distal second side wing having a portion defining a second wing aperture; and
- (c) an interplate strengthening portion between said first and second horizontally protruding plates.
- 9. (Original) A fitting as defined in claim 8 wherein when said fitting is operably attached to said structure.
 - (i) said first protruding plate is a vertically protruding upper plate:
- (ii) said first horizontally protruding plate is below said vertically protruding plate and above said second horizontally protruding plate; and
 - (iii) said proximal and distal wings are downwardly pointing.
- 10. (Original) A fitting as defined in claim 9 wherein said body further comprises a lower vertical plate member having a portion defining a vertical plate member aperture below said second horizontal plate.
- 11. (Previously Presented) A fitting as defined in claim 5 of a unitary, integral form.
- 12. (Previously Presented) A fitting constructed and arranged to retain a plurality of accessory members to a vertical structural unit which unit has a plurality of vertical sides wherein each side has a portion defining a side aperture; said fitting comprising
 - (xiii) a body;
 - (xiv) a body plate member attached to said body and constructed and arranged to be cooperable with a said side of said structural unit and

receivable in intimate engagement within said side aperture, the body plate member being of a size smaller than the body so that only the body plate member can be received in said side aperture;

(xv) attachment means constructed and arranged to attached said fitting to said structural unit with said body plate member received within side aperture: and

said body having a portion defining at least one accessory-receiving means constructed and arranged to retain said accessory member to said body,

wherein the fitting is adapted to receive in fitting engagement by at least one of said apertures at least one accessory selected from the group consisting of a guy rope, electrical insulator, dish and platform.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A modular unit constructed and arranged to define a tower comprising a four-sided rectangular box-like structure wherein each side has a planar pertions portion defining at least one side aperture there-through, wherein said aperture has an essentially circular shape and the planar portion defines a plurality of side portions protruding inwardly into the at least one side aperture and wherein each of said-side portions defines a bolt receiving aperture through the planar portion.

wherein said side aperture has a shape defined as an extended oval having a vertical axis greater than its horizontal axis when said unit is operably constructed in said tower and each surface defining the side aperture has having four inwardly-protruding symmetrically opposed side portions coplanar with the planar portion and protruding inwardly into the side aperture, and wherein each of said side portions defines define a belt-receiving an aperture constructed and arranged to receive a bolt.

15. (Previously Presented) A modular unit as defined in claim 14 having a width of 46±1 cm, a breadth of 46±1cm and a length or height selected from 2.0-2.5 m.

- 16. (Previously Presented) A modular unit as defined in claim 14 wherein each of said sides comprises two of said apertures.
- 17. (Previously Presented) A tower structure comprising
- (i) a plurality of modular units, each unit comprising a four-sided rectangular boxlike structure wherein each side has portions defining at least one side aperture with side portions protruding into the aperture, and each of said side portions defining a fastener-receiving aperture;
 - (ii) a plurality of fittings retained to said modular units, each fitting comprising a body;
 - a body plate member attached to said body and received in intimate engagement within said side aperture,

attachment means cooperable with the fastener-receiving means to permit attaching of said fitting to said unit with said body plate member received within side aperture; and

said body having a portion defining at least one accessory-receiving means constructed and arranged to retain said accessory member to said body; and

- (iii) accessory members selected from the group consisting of guy ropes, insulators, dishes and platforms connected to said accessory-receiving means.
- 18. (Previously Presented) A structure as defined in claim 17 wherein said side aperture has a shape defined as an extended oval having a vertical axis length greater than its horizontal axis, and having four inwardly protruding symmetricallyopposed side portions.
- 19. (Previously Presented) A structure as defined in claim 17 wherein said plate member is integrally formed with said body.

- 20. (Previously Presented) A structure as defined in claim 17 wherein said body comprises
 - (a) a first protruding plate having a portion defining a first plate aperture:
- (b) when said fitting is operably retained to said structure, a first horizontally protruding plate and a second horizontally protruding plate parallel to and at a distance from said first horizontal protruding plate to define an interplate open channel; and wherein (i) said first horizontal protruding plate has a plurality of portions defining a plurality of apertures, and (ii) said second horizontal protruding plate has a portion defining at least one aperture, a proximal first side wing having a portion defining a first wing aperture and a distal second side wing having a portion defining a second wing aperture; and
- (c) an interplate strengthening portion between said first and second horizontally protruding plates.